

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

"Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County Seminar Series" Each month the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County (CAC) will focus on a topic related to their multidisciplinary work with children and families affected by violence. The seminar location is at the Curry Student Center, 346 Huntington Ave., Room C322, Northeastern University, Boston, MA. For additional information, contact the CAC at 617-619-4276 or cac@suf.state.ma.us

- **September 18** (9:30-10:30am) **Human Trafficking**, Jose Hildago, M.D., Elizabeth Hopper, Ph.D., and Carol Gomez, Project Reach, The Trauma Center.
- **October 9** (9:30-10:30am) **Fathering After Abuse**, Juan Carlos Arean, Psy.D., Family Violence Prevention Fund, Fathering After Violence Project.
- **November 13** (9:30-10:30am) **Lessons Learned After 10 Years of SIDS Risk Reduction**, Mary McClain, RN, MS, Project Coordinator, Mass Center for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, BMC.
- **December 11** (9:30-10:30am) **The Crime Lab and Child Abuse Cases**, Elizabeth Ziolkowski, Senior Criminalist, Boston Police Crime Lab.

Funding Opportunities

From the Federal Government

"SAMHSA Conference Grants" <http://www.samhsa.gov/centers/csat2002/funding.html>

SAMHSA announces the availability of FY 2003 funds for SAMHSA Conference Grants for the purpose of disseminating knowledge about practices within the mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment fields and integrating that knowledge into real-world practice as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Application Deadline: September 10, 2003 (recurring)

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible applicants include public and domestic private nonprofit organizations, including state and local governments, professional associations, voluntary organizations, self-help groups, consumer and provider services-oriented constituency groups, community based organizations, and faith-based organizations.

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000-\$50,000

Number of Awards Made: 20-30

Grant Period: 3 years

From Private Foundations

"The Toy Industry Foundation (TIF)" <http://www.toy-tia.org/industry/ATI/grant-guidelines.html>

TIF will award grants to nonprofits that provide services to homeless children. The programs supported will be designed to achieve some or all of the following: 1) enhance the healthy development of children living in homeless situations through play and recreation activities and 2) develop and implement plans to promote the healthy benefits of play, through community outreach and collaboration, specifically programs that benefit children who are homeless.

Application Deadline: August 31, 2003

Eligibility Requirements: Non-profit organizations

Maximum Award Amount: \$25,000

"Women Helping Others Foundation" <http://www.whofoundation.org/>

The WHO (Women Helping Others) Foundation nationally supports grass-roots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children.

Application Deadline: September 16, 2003

Eligibility Requirements: Groups that provide health, education, and wellness services to women and children.

Maximum Award Amount: Typical grants range from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Preference is given to groups that have budgets of under \$2 million, have been incorporated more than three years, do not depend on government grants, and have higher organizational than personnel costs.

"The Hasbro Children's Foundation" <http://www.hasbro.org/hcf/>

The Foundation will fund programs that improve the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of children from birth through age 12. Innovative programs that have a strong local impact, programs that can be replicated nationally, and programs that have a national impact will be considered for funding.

Application Deadline: Requests for funding are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Maximum Award Amount: Grants for local programs range from \$500 to \$35,000; others may get awards of \$35,000 or more.

Research and Statistics

"Money Laundering Offenders, 1994-2001" About 60% of laundering/racketeering offenses prosecuted involved an underlying property offense (embezzlement or fraud); about 17% involved drug trafficking; and about 7% involved racketeering or violations of customs laws. About 9 in 10 defendants prosecuted for money laundering were convicted, with 9 in 10 convictions occurring by guilty plea.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/mlo01.pdf>

"Prisoners in 2002" In 2002 there was a 2.6% increase in the inmate population from 2001, while preliminary FBI Uniform Crime Report statistics showed a 0.2% drop in overall crime during the same period. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/p02.pdf>

"Correctional Boot Camps: Lessons From a Decade of Research" An analysis of research on boot camps conducted over a 10-year period beginning in the late 1980s concluded:

- Boot camps generally had positive effects on the attitudes, perceptions, behavior, and skills of inmates during their confinement.
- With limited exceptions, these positive changes did not translate into reduced recidivism.
- Boot camps can achieve small *relative* reductions in prison populations and modest reductions in correctional costs under a narrow set of conditions.

The surveyed research identified three factors largely responsible for the failure of boot camps to reach goals related to prison population and recidivism:

- Mandates to reduce prison populations through early release made volunteering for boot camps unnecessary as a means of shortening sentences.
- Lack of a standard boot camp model.
- Insufficient focus on offenders' reentry into the community.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/197018.pdf>

"Federal Law Enforcement Officers, 2002" From June 2000 to June 2002, the number of Federal law enforcement officers increased 19% at ATF, 11% at Customs, and 8% at INS. Duties for Federal officers included criminal investigation (40%), police response and patrol (22%), corrections (18%), noncriminal investigation and inspection (14%), court operations (4%), and security and protection (1%). Women accounted for 14.8% of Federal officers in 2002. Minority representation was 32.4%; Hispanic or Latino officers comprised 16.8% of officers and African American or black officers, 11.7%.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fleo02.pdf>

Resources

"Community Policing in Action! A Practitioner's Eye View of Organizational Change" This report analyzes nine police departments, including **Boston**, and the challenges and obstacles they faced in implementing the principles of community policing. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=893>

"Promising Strategies from the Field: A National Overview" This report highlights the projects of 11 law enforcement agencies that found innovative uses for COPS funding. Emphasis is on the ways COPS grantees operationalize and institutionalize community policing strategies to reduce crime and improve communication between law enforcement and the communities in their jurisdictions.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Open=True&Item=815>

"Promising Strategies from the Field: Spotlight on Sheriffs" This report focuses on six sheriffs' offices, each of which illustrates effective community policing.
<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Open=True&Item=816>

"Surveying Communities: A Resource for Community Justice Planners" outlines the importance of community surveys in gathering useful data about neighborhood public safety problems.
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/197109.pdf>

"Evaluability Assessment: Examining the Readiness of a Program for Evaluation" The Justice Research and Statistics Association's Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center (JJEC) compiled this briefing that discusses the role that an evaluability assessment can play in helping to prepare for an evaluation.
www.jrsa.org/jjec/about/briefing_evaluability-assessment.html

"Cold Case Squads: Leaving No Stone Unturned" This report describes the workings of cold case squads used by police departments to investigate unsolved homicides in which the trail of evidence has grown cold. The squads review, revive, and continue the investigation of murder cases in which the lead detective initially assigned to the case has retired or been transferred.
<http://www.ncjrs.org/html/bja/coldcasesquads/199781.pdf>

"Gang- and Drug-Related Homicide: Baltimore's Successful Enforcement Strategy" This report examines the phenomenon of violent inner-city gangs and introduces an investigative approach to combating these gangs in Baltimore, Maryland. The investigative approaches include controlled arrests, interviews of randomly arrested gang members, and grand juries as methods to combat inner-city gangs.
<http://www.ncjrs.org/html/bja/gang/>

"Heroin Fact Sheet" This fact sheet provides a summary of available research on heroin effects, use, availability, treatment, and related enforcement activities.
<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/factsht/heroin/197335.pdf>

"Marketing Community Policing in the News: A Missed Opportunity?" Publicizing community policing strategies is different from producing traditional crime reports. This report describes how the relationship between the police and the media affects coverage of community policing.
<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/200473.pdf>

Anti-Terrorism Resources

"Emergency Responder Chemical and Biological Equipment Guides and Database" The guides and searchable database assist emergency first responders in the evaluation and purchase of chemical and biological detection, personal protective, and communications equipment. The database allows users to perform comprehensive, customized searches for all of the products listed in each volume of the guides.
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/197978.htm>

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